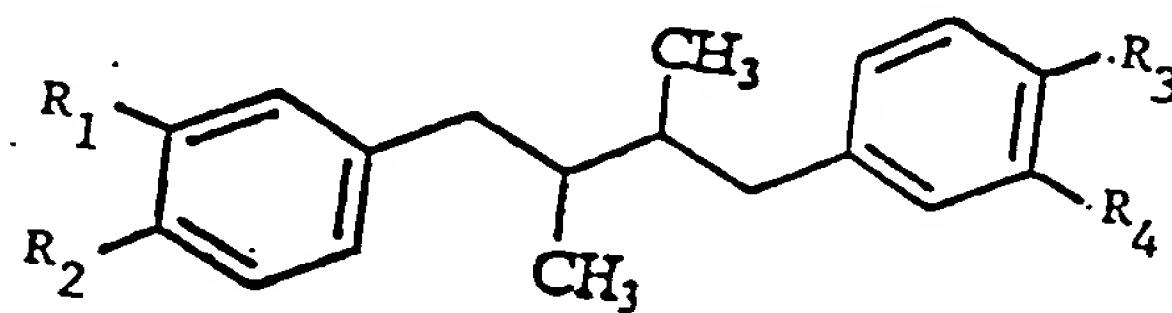


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for suppressing undesired viral growth in a host which comprises administering to the host an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of $\text{HO}-$, $\text{CH}_3\text{O}-$ and $\text{CH}_3(\text{C=O})\text{O}-$. The method is exemplified by inhibiting Tat transactivation of a lentivirus and in suppressing Herpes simplex virus.